Annual increment to employees working on 'Ad-hoc' Basis

3100. SHRI V. N. SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of the Government regarding grant of annual increment to employees appointed on ad-hoc basis;

(b) whether the policy is being followed by all the Ministries/Departments of Union Government;

(c) whether those ad-hoc employees in various Departments of the Union Government are denied annual increment who have obtained stay from the Central Administrative Tribunal against one day break in their service after serving for 89 days and are working regularly without any further break; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Grant of annual increments to employees appointed on ad-hoc basis and continuing without interruption in service is the same as for those appointed on regular basis. Annual increments are granted to such ad-hoc employees where ad-hoc appointments continue for more than one year. It is for the various Ministries/Departments to regulate cases accordingly.

(c) No case of this type has been brought to our notice.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of Industries in North Bengal

3101. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that no major, medium and small scale industry has so far been developed in the region of North Bengal excepting the Tea Plantation and Forest-based industry;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps government propose to take to develop the region industrially during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) Industrialisation of a specific district/area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts in encouraging industrialisation of backward areas by offering incentives such as priority in the matter of licensing, concessional finance etc. Under the New Growth Centre Scheme announced in June, 1988, Government of West Bengal have been allocated three growth centres. Out of these three, two growth centres are to be located in Jalpaiguri and Malda districts of North Bengal.

Coverage of more areas under Public Distribution Scheme

3102. SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA :
SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to cover more areas under Public Distribution Scheme: and

(b) if so, the details of the areas to be covered, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process. The Central Government has advised State Governments/UT Administrations who primarily implement the PDS, among other things, to open more FPSs in uncovered and undercovered areas, to use vans as mobile outlets of PDS items in far-flung and remote areas, and to issue ration cards to all families both in urban and rural areas.

[Translation]

Production targets of HECL

3103. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the production targets set and the actual achieved by the Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited, Ranchi for financial years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the total capital outlay of the Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited, Ranchi and the total amount of loan received by this Corporation so far from different sources;

(c) the assets and liabilities of the said Corporation;

(d) whether the Corporation is running in losses since its inception; and

(e) the details of proposals under consideration for closure or selling of the said Corporation ?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The production targets set and the actual achieved by HEC, Ranchi, is as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Target	Actual
1988-89	330.00	352.67
1989-90	385.00	368.62
1990-91 (Prov.)	415.00	263.80

(b) The share capital of HEC as on 31-3-1991 is Rs. 207.49 crores. The total amount of plan and non-plan loans received by HEC from the Government as on 31-3-1991 is Rs. 89.68 crores and Rs. 106.00 crores, respectively.

(c) The assets and liabilities of the Corporation as on 31-3-1991 are as under (unaudited) :—

(i) Assets Rs. 678.85 crores.

(ii) Liabilities Rs. 520.26 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration for closure or selling of HEC.

[English]

Loans from Sugar Development Fund in Maharashtra

3104. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether loans from the Sugar Development Fund for cane development and installation of modern